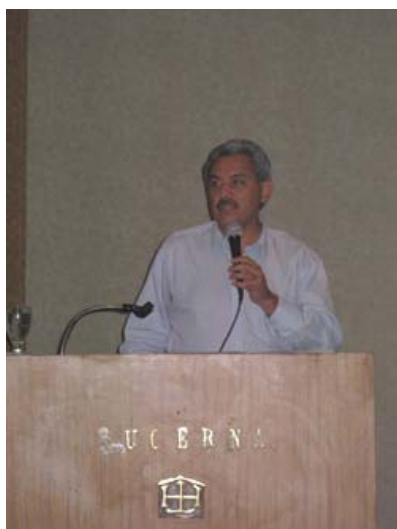


Mexico's First Air Emission Inventory Report Unveiled



On Thursday, June 9, 2005, in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico, the Instituto Nacional de Ecología a division within the Secretaria de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (SEMARNAT) unveiled the first air emissions inventory for the six northern states of Mexico bordering the United States. Such a comprehensive air emissions inventory is a first for Mexico. The inventory is indeed a product of bi-national government partnerships as it was completed through collaborative efforts between the United States and Mexico. Other key stakeholders that assisted in the development of the inventory were The Western Governors Association which provided support through an EPA Grant managed by EPA Region 9, as well as, funded by both Region 6 and 9. Bill Kuykendal from EPA's Office of Air and Radiation provided key ongoing technical assistance during the development of the inventory. The purpose of this inventory is to give federal, state and local governments, as well as, academic institutions and private sector industries, a tool to better understand, analyze and improve air quality in Mexico.

Carl Edlund, EPA's Region 6 Multimedia Air Planning and Permitting Division Director, spoke at the Event, representing EPA's view on this historic event. Other representatives present included Ing. Alberto Cárdenas Jiménez (Secretary of SEMARNAT), Dr. Adrian Fernandez Bremauntz (President of the Instituto Nacional de Ecología) and Rich Harvey of the Western Governors' Association. For access to the Emission Inventory or Emission Inventory Guide please visit the Instituto Nacional de Ecología, SEMARNAT website at www.ine.gob.mx.



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